

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. An apparatus configured to announce a transmission from a first
2 caller by vibrating in a first predetermined manner.
- 1 2. The apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said first predetermined manner
2 is a first predetermined sequence of vibrations.
- 1 3. The apparatus as in claim 2 wherein said first predetermined
2 sequence of vibrations comprises vibrations of differing periods of time.
- 1 4. The apparatus as in claim 3 wherein said vibrations of differing
2 periods of time are separated by differing periods of time during which said
3 apparatus does not vibrate.
- 1 5. The apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said first predetermined manner
2 is a first frequency.
- 1 6. The apparatus as in claim 5 wherein said first predetermined manner
2 is said first frequency in combination with a first predetermined sequence of
3 vibrations.
- 1 7. The apparatus as in claim 1 further configured to vibrate in a second
2 predetermined manner upon receipt of a transmission from a second user.

1 8. The system as in claim 1 wherein said transmission is an email
2 message.

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1 9. The system as in claim 1 wherein said transmission is an instant
2 message.

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1 10. The system as in claim 1 wherein said transmission is a standard
2 telephone call.

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1 11. A method comprising:
2 receiving a transmission from a first caller; and
3 identifying said first caller; and
4 vibrating a device in a first predetermined manner based on said first
5 caller's identity.

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1 12. The method as in claim 11 wherein said first predetermined manner is
2 a first predetermined sequence of vibrations.

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1 13. The method as in claim 12 wherein said first predetermined sequence
2 of vibrations comprises vibrations of differing periods of time.

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1 14. The method as in claim 13 wherein said vibrations of differing periods
2 of time are separated by differing periods of time during which said apparatus
3 does not vibrate.

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1 15. The method as in claim 10 wherein said first predetermined manner is
2 a first frequency.

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1 16. The method as in claim 15 wherein said first predetermined manner is
2 said first frequency in combination with a first predetermined sequence of
3 vibrations.

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1 17. The method as in claim 10 further comprising:
2 receiving a transmission from a second caller; and
3 identifying said second caller; and
4 vibrating a device in a second predetermined manner based on said
5 second caller's identity.

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1 18. The method as in claim 10 wherein said transmission is an email
2 message.

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1 19. The method as in claim 10 wherein said transmission is an instant
2 message.

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1 20. The method as in claim 10 wherein said transmission is a standard
2 telephone call.

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1 21. An article of manufacture including program code which, when
2 executed by a machine, cause said machine to perform the operations of:
3 receiving a transmission from a first caller; and
4 identifying said first caller; and
5 vibrating said machine in a first predetermined manner based on said first
6 caller's identity.

1 22. The article of manufacture as in claim 21 wherein said first
2 predetermined manner is a first predetermined sequence of vibrations.

1 23. The article of manufacture as in claim 22 wherein said first
2 predetermined sequence of vibrations comprises vibrations of differing periods
3 of time.

1 24. The article of manufacture as in claim 23 wherein said vibrations of
2 differing periods of time are separated by differing periods of time during which
3 said apparatus does not vibrate.

1 25. The article of manufacture as in claim 20 wherein said first
2 predetermined manner is a first frequency.

1 26. The article of manufacture as in claim 25 wherein said first
2 predetermined manner is said first frequency in combination with a first
3 predetermined sequence of vibrations.

1 27. The article of manufacture as in claim 20 comprising additional
2 program code to cause said machine to perform the operations of:
3 receiving a transmission from a second caller; and
4 identifying said second caller; and
5 vibrating said machine in a second predetermined manner based on said
6 second caller's identity.

1 28. The article of manufacture as in claim 20 wherein said transmission is
2 an email message.

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30. The article of manufacture as in claim 20 wherein said transmission is a standard telephone call.

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